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OCTOBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

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http://lwnvncsd.org/Master_Calendar.html

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Beach Plum Kitchen
6971 El Camino Real
Carlsbad |
| Mon, Oct 10
10 am – 12 pm | Health Interest Mtg.
Home of Jane Dunmeyer |
| Fri, Oct 14
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LWD Offices |
| Mon, Oct 17
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1 – 3 pm | San Dieguito Unit Mtg
San Diego County Credit Union, 501 N El Camino Real, Encinitas |
| Thur, Oct 20
10 am – 12 pm | Carlsbad Unit Mtg
LWD Offices |
| Wed, Oct 26
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Home of Roni Seay |

NOVEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

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The League and Election Year 2016

By Cathy Greene

Voter Service has been incredibly busy this fall, with more requests for services than I have seen in the six years that I have been Voter Service chair. This year we have eleven forums, 26 pro/con presentations, and four voter registration events scheduled. As I write this on September 26th, we are two weeks into the League's "election season 2016" and looking forward to five more weeks of exciting programs and events before it is all at an end. Here is what your voter service committee has been up to this fall.

Anne Omsted and Roni Seay spent the better part of August and September training our League volunteers to present the ballot measures and to moderate and question sort for forums. Then they both jumped in for the seemingly endless job of matching volunteers to programs and events. On top of all that, Roni is question sorting and moderating as needed for our many forums.

Meanwhile, Barbara Lorenzen has organized four voter registrations events for this fall, including the big effort for National Voter Registration Day at CSUSM on September 27th. Barbara provides ongoing training for League volunteers at all these events. She has also conducted three training sessions for volunteers of several other area organizations. Somehow she manages to work as team leader and question sorter for a number of forums too.

My computer has been working non-stop since late spring, corresponding and coordinating events with the many organizations that request our services. Finally, now at end of September, most of the arrangements are made and all the letters of invitation have been sent to forum candidates and panelists. I am busy following up on responses, event details, and the important job of recruiting forum volunteers.

Roni, Anne, Barbara and I are so grateful to the many League members who step up to help our League provide these services to our communities. We receive many thank you notes and appreciative comments from the organizations and audience members of all our events. League members make a real difference in our communities.

We still need volunteers for some October events, so send me an email or give me a call if you want to be part of this exciting election season 2016!

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The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



President's Message

Martha Cox

The 2016 election season is well underway and your North County San Diego League of Women Voters is playing a huge role in educating and informing voters. Members are providing service with candidate forums, ballot presentations and answering questions daily from both voters and candidates.

Conducting candidate forums provides voters with a valuable opportunity to meet and judge the candidates. Making Pros & Cons presentations about the ballot propositions is a hallmark function of League for our communities. Condensing and synthesizing complex ballot legalese for voters requires hours and hours of research from the LWVC voter service teams – our own Mary Thompson serves on the LWVC research team. They are to be commended for their excellent work.

Special thanks to our North County voter service team of Cathy Greene, Barbara Lorenzen, Roni Seay, and Anne Omsted for their coordination efforts of nonstop requests and scheduling preparation. What they have been juggling is no easy task. Special thanks also to the dedicated members serving on our moderating and Pros & Cons presentation teams. Their preparation and training to conduct these events is invaluable and their representation as the face of League for our communities is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

It's all about communication. Your board is committed to enhanced and systematic communication with members and non-members alike. To achieve this, we have embarked on a scheduled series of e-blast communications using MailChimp. We're calling it "News You Can Use." Three have been sent thus far and they'll arrive approximately every two weeks. If you haven't received them, please check your spam folder and confirm your receipt of these messages. We want you to engage and participate, and you can only do that if you're aware and informed. Thanks for checking the [website](#) and [calendar](#) often, and thanks to each of you for your service.

In League for our democracy,

Martha

president@lwnvncsd.org

October Meetings

Coffee Chat with the President Members and Guests Welcome

Saturday • October 1

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Beach Plum Kitchen

6971 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

Join LWFVNCSD President Martha Cox for coffee and conversation about League. Bring your questions and suggestions. If you live in the area, we hope you will join us to meet with your fellow Leaguers and guests in an unstructured social setting. Please join us at the Beach Plum Café in Carlsbad, October 1st. If you have a suggestion for the November coffee in San Marcos/Vista, send it to send it to Martha at marthacox@roadrunner.com

Health Interest Committee Meeting Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • October 10

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee will meet on Monday October 10, at the home of Jane Dunmeyer. Members will present the subjects that each has agreed to research, as Dorine Meade did at the September meeting. Bring an article or any ideas you have that will get us thinking about health care in the world. Contact Jane Dunmeyer for more information, or directions to her home. The November meeting will be on Monday, the 11th same place, same time. Put it on your calendars!

Book Group Meetings

Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • October 17 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Kathy Anderson

The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 17 at 1:00 pm at the home of Heather Callaghan to discuss *Colossus, Hoover Dam and the Making of the American Century*, by Michael Hiltzik. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to Kathy Anderson at kathsand@sbcglobal.net or [760-634-2841](tel:760-634-2841).

Pros/Cons of State Ballot Measures

Members and Guests Welcome

San Marcos Branch of the S.D. Co Library

2 Civic Center Dr. • San Marcos

Wednesday • October 19 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The San Marcos Branch of the San Diego County Library is hosting a Pro and Con presentation by our League members Mary Thompson and Nita Rodriguez for the general public. There is free all day parking on

levels 2, 3, and 4 in the parking structure next to the library.

San Dieguito Area Unit Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Wednesday • October 19

1:00 - 3:00 pm

San Diego County Credit Union

501 N. El Camino Real • Encinitas

Pros/Cons of State Ballot Measures

By Anne Patton, San Dieguito Area Unit Chair.

The San Dieguito Area Unit will meet on Wednesday, October 19, from 1-3 pm. The meeting will be held at the San Diego County Credit Union, 501 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas. The SDCCU is located on the Northeast corner of El Camino Real and Garden View Road.

All members are welcome to come and hear Martha Cox and Nancy Hand present the Pros and Cons of the 17 State Ballot Measures. Do not miss this meeting because it is an important opportunity to learn and understand these measures.

You may bring food and drink—if you wish.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Thursday • October 20

10:00 pm – 12:00 pm

Leucadia Wastewater District Office

1960 La Costa Ave.

Pros/Cons of State Ballot Measures

Members in the Carlsbad area will meet Thursday, October 20, at the Leucadia Wastewater District Offices, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad from 10:00 to noon. The first hour will be a Pros & Cons presentation by Margie Monroy and Elizabeth Brady. The second hour will be a discussion of future unit meetings.

New Member Gathering

Wednesday • October 26

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Home of Roni Seay

Please join us for refreshments and conversation! Members who have recently joined our League are warmly invited to a social orientation meeting at the home of Roni Seay. It is a chance to meet other new members and some experienced members. You'll learn about LWV and how and why the League works the way it does. There will be plenty of time for questions and socializing. Contact Roni at RoSeay@aol.com for more about the meeting and directions to her house. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Water - DPR (Direct Potable Reuse)

By Don Omsted, Natural Resources Director

California is experiencing the worst dry period in 1,400 years. Notice, I did not use the word drought, as 'drought' implies that rain will return and all will be normal. Well, we have a new normal and what we are experiencing is the "New Normal"- quite a bit less rain. Remember, last year's "El Nino" was a California dud. This new normal we are experiencing is probably here to stay. What should we do to solve California's water problems?

Conserving water has almost reached its limit. Conserving will not help much more. We are close to the practical limits, as the last two years have demonstrated. **Where is the water going to come from?**

California dumps 1.3 trillion gallons of treated wastewater (from sewers) a year into the ocean. Urban water use is 3.34 trillion gallons a year, so about 40 percent of urban water is wasted. Recycled water (purple pipe) accounts for 0.228 trillion gallons, and to treat 1.3 trillion gallons more to purple pipe standards is not cost effective. Imagine digging up every street to lay purple pipe. Our best alternative is to treat the 1.3 trillion gallons from sewer plants to drinking water standards.

Actually, we are drinking reused water now as all rivers that supply us have sewer plant discharge, and since we consider this natural, or don't think about it, is there is no public concern? Potable refers to water that has met Federal and State drinking standards. Water that meets drinking standards from sewer plants and goes to a drinking water treatment plant or to the pipes is called DPR (D for direct) and water that goes to a lake or

groundwater source before consumption is called IPR (I for indirect).

Using advanced technology, this water is cleaner than bottled water or the water from your tap. Briefly the purification steps are - purple pipe water (safe to drink) plus membrane filtration plus reverse osmosis plus UV

advanced treatment (oxidation) to drinking water supply. This water is so pure it dissolves pipes and has no taste, so minerals are added.

This method is very cost affective. Orange County is treating 100 mgd (million gallons per day), or about \$800 dollars per acre foot, while Carlsbad sea water desalination costs over \$2,000 dollars per acre foot. The State Water Project costs about \$1,550 dollars per acre foot. Notice that sewer people use "Million Gallons" and drinking water people use "Acre Foot" (325,800 gallons = one acre foot). The difference in costs is in electric energy, so our carbon footprint should also be considered when making source decisions.

Reusing water instead of ocean dumping it will help us attain sustainability, independence, and clean air. Our wastewater treatment managers are waiting for the California State Water Resource Board to finish their study of the safety of treated DPR, so they can begin to utilize this important and economical water source.

Welcome New Members:

Julie Freelove-Charton
Carlsbad
Nathan Erickson
Carlsbad
Thelma Hendrix
Oceanside
Edith Jones
Oceanside
Mariana Lara
Carlsbad
William Loftus
Oceanside
Nancy Reed
Escondido
Phee Sherline
Carlsbad
Suzanne Schmidt-Traner
Valley Center
Nancy Sublette
Carlsbad
Judy Thum
Encinitas
Anna Warpe-Lillian
Rancho Santa Fe

Membership News

By Roni Seay, Membership Director

We are delighted to welcome the twelve new members who joined our League in September! 'Tis the season for people to be interested in elections and all things political. Our Voter Service efforts are noticed and appreciated in the community and that is reflected by an increase in membership.

Also, the membership committee is really pleased with the number of current members who have already renewed their membership promptly

Remember that dues are due by October 31. We want to be sure your name is in the directory, so don't put it off and renew today!
membership@lwvncsd.org.



Our Civil Society

By Mary Thompson

By now you may have reached your limit—enough with Election 2016! But if ever there was a time to call upon our better angels, this is it. Think about the bigger picture and what it means to be part of a civil society.

Consider these images: skinheads at political rallies, candidates defacing equipment to stop an oil pipeline, or *Black Lives Matter* marches. What they have in common is they represent just one aspect of civil society (free expression.)

The paradox about civil society is that it covers a vast range of activities - yet it's very hard to define. According to [Bruce Sievers in What is Civil Society](#) :

'Civil society is the arena outside family, government, and market where people voluntarily associate to advance common interests based on civility.'

From ancient times, human communities required cooperative behavior for survival and these early patterns shape our contemporary world. The concept of the "commons" is key to understanding civil society: the shared sphere of communal life where collective goods reside (like air, water, social justice, civic commitment) which cannot be achieved by individual decision-making alone.

Scholars consider a constellation of values which reinforce each other in a civil society: individual rights, voluntary institutions, the common good, and the rule of law, free expression, tolerance, and philanthropy. But there's a tension in this complex framework, a fragile balance between *private* and *public interests*. What allows these two to reconcile on our social agenda is a third value: *tolerance*. It is the connecting link.

So breathe deeply and remember that you are doing your part for our civil society by listening and speaking with *tolerance*.

A civil society demands from each of us good will and respect, fair dealing and forgiveness.

George W. Bush, First Inaugural Address



Voter's Edge - You Need It Before You Vote

By Suzanne Carneiro

Almost 20 years ago a small group of visionaries in the League of Women Voters of California launched the Smart Voter project, one of the first online voter information sites in the nation. Across the state, local Leagues began coordinating with elections officials to gather state and local contest and ballot measure data. With the hard work of dedicated volunteers, many in our League, we built a system to give voters personalized, address-specific ballots online. Each election cycle, League members persuaded thousands of candidates to populate Smart Voter with a plethora of substantive information. As a result, millions of California voters were able to hear directly from the candidates, free from the cacophony of the 24-hour news cycle.

Two decades later, the new generation of Smart Voter – Voter's Edge California has launched. In partnership with MapLight, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization based in the Bay Area, Californians are now offered an advanced technological interface along with nonpartisan campaign finance information on state

ballot measures and candidates. Smart Voter has always provided value-added election content like news and events, and now Voter's Edge is doing even more.

Our San Diego County team is working hard inviting candidates, approving their submittals, adding the local ballot measures and researching news articles to add to the

racers. We need you to encourage candidates you know to get their info on votersedge.org/ca. They don't need to wait for an invitation, the instructions are on the home page. Tell your friends and family about this important voting tool so we can have the most informed voters in the country. Contact Suzanne Carneiro if you want more information at webmaster@lwvncsd.org.

We've Done Your Homework - Vote with the League!

The LWVC positions on the ballot propositions are posted on the website. In addition, the Leagues of San Diego and North County San Diego signed the ballot statement opposing County Measure B because it is inconsistent with the County General Plan and sets a bad precedent for ballot box land use planning.

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>

Resources for Voters

By Pat Coony

Our local League's renewed effort to reach out to the community regarding ways to make an educated vote is terrific. It's much easier in the information age to learn about candidates and policy issues. But, there is so much information **the challenge for voters with limited time is to identify the best resources.**

The most important choice for voters is the vote for President. The President is responsible for international policy—a far more important component of public policy in the modern era. One example: the meaningful action (or inaction) on climate change—as much an international matter as a domestic issue. The President is responsible for administrative policy, and, through the veto power, half of every legislative decision reflects the President's policy position. So, Americans must be most prepared when voting for this office. Perhaps the most important resource for this purpose is **the three Presidential debates**, the only times voters hear a serious discussion of the important issues which goes beyond “sound bites”.

Key sources for information on candidates for President and other major partisan offices are the **candidates' web sites** and **Party platforms**. These platforms are easily available on the web. Much less reliable and useful is media coverage, which is dominated by “horse race” commentary with little reference to the critical policy issues. I am a huge believer in [Wikipedia](#) – a truly modern encyclopedia that is current and self-correcting, with plenty of meaningful charts and maps to illustrate political policy concepts. Other very useful web sites on policy issues include: [Public Agenda](#), [ProCon.org](#), and my own website, [Newsbatch.com](#).

For the minor offices such as local boards and judgeships, perhaps the best resource is the League's [Voter's Edge](#), although the effectiveness of this site depends on the degree to which candidates post their information. Hopefully this will become the definitive resource for such offices. Most candidates also have web sites. **For the many voters who have not done this kind of research for these offices** (which often includes myself), I must observe that **it is prudent to refrain from voting** for such offices.

Perhaps ballot measures or propositions provide the greatest challenge. Registrar of Voters' materials are often not easily understood. Happily, our State League addresses this problem with the publication of [Easy Voter](#) available at local libraries and on the web, and which addresses the measures in simple informative

language. For more detail, the [State League web site](#) is an excellent source as is a web site called [Ballotpedia](#). Voters should be particularly wary of making any choice based on television commercials on these measures—ads that are one-sided, non-informative and generally represent interests of a group with a large financial stake in the outcome.

A key resource regarding any voting matter consists of our friends and associates. Conversations are often the quickest way to pick up information. In law school I learned far more through conversations with fellow students than individual study. Most of us know people who have a keen interest in current affairs who can be terrific sources. I have two suggestions for this. First, have discussions with several people including people with differing political views. Second, focus on the facts. Ultimately, voting decisions reflect one's opinion about an issue or candidate, but a solid opinion is one that is based on factual knowledge.

The resources discussed here are helpful, but we are a long way away from a truly informed voting public; we lag significantly behind many European democracies in voter awareness of issues and candidates. The long range challenge is to improve the interest in, and study of, public policy. Our educational institutions need to play a much greater role in this process than they do now. There is no group in this country that is better positioned to advocate for such an improvement than the League of Women Voters.

Plan to Attend our League Moderated Forums

October 5, Del Mar Ballot Measure R, 6:00 pm

City of Del Mar Council Chambers, Suite 100
2010 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar

Oct. 5, Solana Beach City Council Candidates, 7:00 pm

Solana Beach Boys and Girls Club
533 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach

Oct. 5, San Diego County Measure A, 6:00 pm

Encinitas Branch Library
540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas

Oct. 11, Encinitas Candidates for Mayor, 7:00 pm

Encinitas Branch Library
540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas

Oct. 13, Encinitas Ballot Measure T, 6:00

Encinitas Branch Library
540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas

Oct. 18, Candidates for Palomar C.C. District Governing Board, 6:00 pm

Main campus of Palomar Community College, 1140 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos, Rm SSC-1 of the Student Services Bldg.

October 18, Encinitas City Council Candidates, 7:00pm

Encinitas Branch Library
540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas

For more details, visit our website at [lvnccsd.org](#) and click on the calendar link. Or call Cathy Greene at 858-771-1156.

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First time members can now join for
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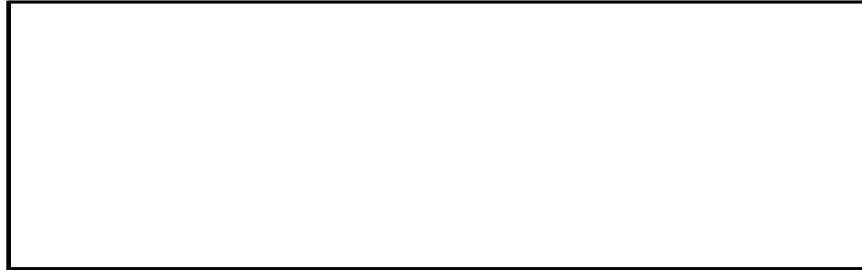
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- ☐ \$60/year
- ☐ \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- ☐ \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- ☐ \$100/year • Suffragist
- ☐ \$200/year • Activist
- ☐ \$300/year • Advocate
- ☐ \$500/year • Founders Circle

I am interested in the following:

- ☐ Voter Service
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- ☐ Organizational Support
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Book Group
- ☐ Other _____

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The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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website this week?

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